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ABC INVESTIGATORS TEAM WITH LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT TO ARREST ELEVEN FOR ALCOHOL VIOLATIONS

Investigators from the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC), Irvine Police Department and University of California Irvine Police Department arrested eleven suspects Saturday night in the City of Irvine for alcohol violations, including the use of false ID to buy alcohol. The operation was conducted in the general vicinity of the University of Irvine campus.

ABC Investigators and local law enforcement conducted a program called a Cops-In-Shops Operation which targets minors who try to buy alcohol from retailers using false ID. During this operation three minor patrons were arrested for trying to buy alcohol using false ID. The penalty for using false ID is a \$250.00 fine, 32 hours of community service.

Nine other suspects were arrest for various other alcohol related violations such as, minor transporting alcohol, minor in possession of alcohol and petty theft.

For more information on the operation, contact the ABC district administrator or district supervisor at 714-558-4101.